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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN Chicago 12-3-63 EZT OFFICE Miami, Florida

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	FILE NO. CO-2 - 34,030
Protective Research	Closed Miami	TITLE OR CAPTION: Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President Kennedy - No record, INS Miami, F Homero ECHEVARRIA; Juan F. BLANCO - FERNANDEZ tentatively identified
INVESTIGATION MADE AT: Miami, Florida	PERIOD COVERED: 12-10/13-63	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY: SA Ernest I. Aragon		
DETAILS		

SYNOPSIS

The Immigration & Naturalization Service, Miami, Fla. advise the file of Homero Samuel Valdivia Echevarria is not in their local office. They stated their Central Office, Washington, D.C. could advise the location of this file. The Francisco Blanco in subject case is someone other than the Francisco Blanco mentioned in CO-2-30,156. The Francisco Blanco of interest in this investigation has been tentatively identified as Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez, a member of the Student Revolutionary Directorate at Miami, Fla.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference is made to memorandum reports dated December 3, 1963 by SA Edward Z. Tucker, Chicago, requesting further investigation of this case in the Miami area concerning Homero Samuel Valdivia Echevarria and Francisco Blanco.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

On 12-10-63 inquiry was made of 3-11-14 relative to Valdivia-Echevarria and he is not of record.

On the same date, records of the INS, Miami, Fla. failed to disclose that the file of Valdivia-Echevarria was in this district. SA Charles Challendes, I&NS, advised that Valdivia-Echevarria may have been a transient through Miami and his file would have been forwarded to the office where he was to establish residence. Mr. Challendes stated that if this particular file was not in Chicago that their Central Office in Washington D.C. would be able to advise the exact location of this file.

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APPROVED: 626 — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE John A. Marshall — DATE: 12-13-63

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On 12-11-63 the reporting agent discreetly interviewed Francisco Blanco mentioned in CO-2-30,156. He is currently residing at 2211 S.W. 15th St., Miami, Fla. Francisco Blanco is described as w/m; Puerto Rican; 65; 5'6"; 140; brown eyes; silver gray hair; dark complexion; arthritic and has resided in Miami since 1927. As will be observed, the Francisco Blanco described above is someone other than the Francisco Blanco of interest in this investigation.

(X) On 12-12-63 through a confidential source inquiry was made of The Directorio Revolucionairo Estudiantille (D.R.E.) (Student Revolutionary Directorate) at Miami, Fla., and it was determined that this organization has a member known as Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez.

Later on this same date the confidential source made personal contact with Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez and, through a discreet conversation with him, learned that he had been in Chicago approximately two weeks ago. Fernandez allegedly is the head of the military phase of the Student Revolutionary Directorate at Miami, Fla.

On 12-13-63 the I&NS file of Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez under their No. A12496140 was reviewed and it discloses that Fernandez entered at Miami, Fla. on 10-13-61 through Cuban Passport No. 46764 valid until 10-11-61. He is described as w/m; Cuban; DOB 5-6-39 at Pinar del Rio, Cuba; 5-9; 170; blue eyes; black straight hair parted on one side. At the time of his entry, he was detained for violation of the immigration laws. He was subsequently given an indefinite parole. His FBI number is 340837E. The file further discloses that Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez, along with seventeen other members of the D.R.E., participated in a raid on the Miramar section of Havana, Cuba, on 8-25-62.

On 11-13-62 Fernandez enlisted into the U.S. Army and he was assigned to UC 50303110, COC 3RD Bn, 1rst Inf. Regte, Ft. Jackson, S.Car. The inclusive dates of his active service in the U.S. Army are not known, nor is the exact date of his discharge. Since his discharge from the U.S. Army, he has been residing in Miami, Fla. except for his recent trip to Chicago and he is currently the head of the military section of the D.R.E.

Photograph of Fernandez was extracted from the I&NS file and exhibited to the confidential source and he identified him as the subject in question. This photograph has been reproduced and copies are attached hereto for use by the Chicago office.

(J) CONCLUSION:

Copies of this report are being forwarded to the Washington F.O. in order that inquiry may be made at the Central Office of I&NS in an effort to determine whether the I&NS file of Homero Samuel Valdivia Echevarria, I&NS number A12236460 is located there. For the information of the Washington F.O., Echevarria is also known as Homer S. Echevarria and is described as w/m; Cuban; 32; born at Jatibonico, Camaguay, Cuba; 5-9; 160; black hair; mustache; olive complexion. I&NS number A12236460.

Photographs of Juan Francisco Blanco-Fernandez are attached for Chicago and unless otherwise directed this investigation is closed in Miami.

ATTACHMENTS

Chicago: Photograph of Blanco-Fernandez.

Note; Inasmuch as Blanco-Fernandez is the director of the military branch of the D.R.E. in Miami, his mission to Chicago may have been for the purpose of securing military equipment from Thomas Moseley. If the Chicago office desires a direct interview with Blanco-Fernandez, please advise.